

## THE FARMER.

So that by the plough would thrive,  
Earth itself abhorred hold or drive.

### FARMER'S GIRLS.

Up in the early morning, just at the peep of day,  
Sustaining the milk in the dairy, turning the cows away,  
Sweeping the floor in the kitchen, making the beds up  
stairs,

Washing the breakfast dishes, dusting the parlor chairs;

Brushing the crumbs from the pantry, hunting for eggs  
in the barn,

Annealing the turnips for dinner, spinning the stocking  
yarn,

Spreading the whitening then down on the bushes be-  
low,

Rancking every meadow where the red strawberries  
grow,

Sustaining the "fixes" for Sunday, churning the snowy  
cream,

Washing the pails and strainer down in the running  
stream,

Feeding the geese and turkeys, making the pumpkin  
pies,

Jogging the little one's cradle, driving away the flies

Goes in every motion, music in every tone,  
Beauty of form and feature thousands might count to  
own,

Checks that rivel spring roses, teeth the whitest of  
pearls—

One of these country maids is worth a score of youn-  
gny girls.

### FARMER'S BOYS.

Out in every tempest, out in every gale,  
Braving the weather, wind storm and hail,  
In the meadow mowing, in the shady wood,  
Letting in the sunlight where the tall oak stood,  
Every rising moment each skillful hand employs—  
Bliss were we! were there ever idle farmers' boys?

Then the pain is intense, holding fast the pulse,  
The round cheek is ready, and the open house;  
Has no time and leisure wrought by evil hours,  
For the heart keeps wholesome, trained in nature's  
powers,

Healthily, healthily, pastime, the spirit never chays;  
Healthiness the manly, honest farmer's boys.

### Experiments in Potato Planting.

Mr. Brown, of Long Island, has recently published an interesting experiment touching the planting of the butt ends and seed ends of potatoes. Last spring he planted four rows of equal length, of two varieties of potatoes. In one row, with each variety, he planted only the "seed ends" of the potato; in the other, the opposite, or "butt ends."—These were the pink eyes and the peach blows.—We quote the result from the concluding portion of his statement:

The yield of these four rows was as fol-  
lows:

Pink eyes, butt ends, 217 pounds  
" seed ends, 170 "

Peach blows, butt ends, 225 "

" seed ends, 173 "

The potatoes raised from the butt ends

were much larger than those from the seed ends, and appeared to be from a week to

ten days earlier.—Had the whole field been planted with butt-ends, the yield would have been more than 500 bushels to the acre. I also planted two rows next to the above, in one of which I put only large potatoes, half a tuber in each hill, out lengthwise so as to divide the eyes equally, and in the other row I dropped only small potatoes, one in each hill. From the former I dug 181 pounds, and from the latter 131 pounds. I should add that the average yield of the field was about 130 pounds to the row; and that large (not the very largest) potatoes were used for seed end lengthwise with a half of a tuber in each hill!

### Preservation of the Apricot Tree

The Apricot is nearly allied to the plum, and is less susceptible of intense cold than the peach; but it appears to be more easily injured by changes of the weather, and those familiar with its culture, are equally familiar with disappointments from dead and dying patches of bark on the trunk, often extending all around or over the whole surface, and inevitably destroying the tree. This is the great drawback in the culture of this very early, most desirable, and delicious fruit—the circulio is within the control of labor.

We have great confidence in the protecting influence of evergreen boughs. Procure a wagon load, more or less, from the nearest hemlock, pine or spruce woods, or from the cedar swamp, early in winter, and proceed to tie them on each apricot trunk, so as to shade it from cold winds, and the best remedy is undoubtedly applied.—It may not be feasible in all cases, but is certainly worth trying. Will our intelligent readers, who cultivate the apricot, and who have a fear of the bark disease, give it a trial, and report results?

### Columbia Democrat.

The following are the receipts to the office of the COLUMBIA DEMOCRAT, during the month of February, 1857:

John H. Bunting, \$10 75 George Fry, \$13 00  
W. H. W. Atkinson, 1 25 J. M. Martin, 1 25  
Louis Goss, 1 25 John Morris, 1 25  
Sam Adams, 1 25 James Morris, 1 25  
Aaron Wolf, 1 25 G. W. Howell, 1 25  
Asa L. Smith, 1 25 G. W. Howell, 1 25  
Geo. S. Gilbert, Esq., 1 25 Miss E. L. Lovell, 1 25  
James C. Spangler, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
John C. Johnson, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
Edward Murray, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
Joseph Henderson, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
W. H. Berkman, Esq., 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
John T. Smith, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
John Verner, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
Jacob Brown, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
Mrs. Martha Hartman, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
W. T. Thompson, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
W. M. Hill, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
John Fairman, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
R. S. Smith, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
J. A. Smith & Co., 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
David Lowenberg, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
Wm. Norris, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
T. W. Smith, Esq., 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
Ed. of Jacob Fisher, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
Daniel Kostander, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
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F. Fenton, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
William Staley, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
Est. of Andrew Hess, 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
John Morrison, Esq., 1 25 John Kinner, 1 25  
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### BALTIMORE LOCK HOSPITAL. DOCTOR JOHNSTON.

The founder of this Celebrated Insti-  
tution, offers to the masterminding, speedy, and only  
efficient remedy in the world, against  
the following maladies, Pains in the Loins,  
Constitutional Debility, Impotency, Weakness of the  
Back and Limbs, Affections of the Kidneys, Liver,  
Diseases of the Heart, Throat, Nose or Skin, and all  
those serious and melancholy Disorders arising from  
the brain, spinal column, heart, lungs, kidneys, liver  
and joints. These secret and salutary practices,  
are more fatal to their victims than the song of the  
serpent to the marine Ulysses, blighting their  
senses and anticipations, rendering marriage  
as impossible.

### Young Men.

especially, who have become the victims of solitary  
Vice that atrocious and destructive habit, which usually  
begins in少年hood, and terminates in old age, and  
is one of the most excited talents and brilliant intellects,  
who might otherwise have attained distinction  
with the virtues of manhood. Those who have  
exercised the tyro, may eat with all confidence.

### Marriage.

Mariaged persons, or Young Men contemplating mat-  
rimony, being aware of physical weakness, organic de-  
formities, or constitutional debility, will consult  
Dr. Johnston, and be restored to perfect health.

He who places himself under the care of Dr. John-  
ston may expect him to be a gentle man, a gen-  
tleman, and a manly rest upon his still as physician.

### Organic Weakness.

This disease is the penalty most frequently paid by  
those who have been guilty of intemperance, and  
other sins. Young persons are too apt to regard ex-  
cess as not being aware of the dreadful consequence  
that may ensue. Now, who that would not prefer  
to live a long life, and to have a full and  
active existence, to die young, and to be buried  
in a shroud, before his time?

### Epilepsy.

Those who are suffering from this disease, will  
find in Dr. Johnston a skillful and experienced  
physician, who will prescribe the best treatment  
and the most efficacious medicine.

**Dr. JOHNSTON'S MEDICAL REPUTATION.**

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